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Dear Ms. Baxter:

I am writing in response to Mr. Raymond Basso's memo of June 12, 1991 which requested that NOAA review the Draft Proposed Plan for the New Vernon Road and White Bridge Road subsites of the Asbestos Dump Site, located in Millington, New Jersey. As indicated in my letter of April 24, 1991, these sites do not represent a threat to NOAA trust resources. NOAA resources are located a great distance, approximately 90 kilometers, from these sites. However, freshwater biota and habitats found in the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge could potentially be impacted. Therefore, I suggest that you contact the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who are the trustees for these resources for their comments.

NOAA supports EPA's preferred alternative which is in-situ stabilization and solidification. This alternative would be protective of the natural resources found in the area. However, I am recommending that surface water monitoring be included as part of the selected remedial alternative to ensure that the contamination is not being transported off-site during and post clean-up activities.

Thank you for providing NOAA with the opportunity to review the Draft Proposed Plan.

Sincerely,

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